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1. The Soviet Embassy [redacted] has reprimanded Tientsin Soviet officials for their lack of interest in the Soviet community. Their indifferent attitude has resulted in the non-attendance of community members at the Soviet Club and its various groups. In general, Soviet citizenship has come to mean nothing but retention of a passport status and payment of obligatory membership dues to the Soviet Citizens' Association. Morale in Soviet communities has also been lowered by official treatment of destitute Soviet citizens in Mukden. Relief measures adopted by the authorities have consisted mainly in forced contributions by Tientsin Soviet citizens.
2. The official reprimand has resulted in the following actions by consulate officials:
 - (1) Acting Consul Titov has ordered M. I. Rodovsky, chairman of the Soviet Citizens' Association, to compile secretly a complete and revised list of all activists in the Soviet community. To assist in this project, Titov has appointed a special commission headed by N. I. Markov, consulate employee, and including A. M. Nekrassov, secretary of the SCA, and A. E. Sinyak and A. I. Serebrennikov, members of the SCA executive committee.
 - (2) K. G. Yershov, second secretary of the consulate, has directed activist V. Ishankin to organize for a special project a group of Soviet citizens not over 35 years of age. The political reliability of each man will be determined by a special examining commission. Yershov, assisted by wives of the consulate employees, is also directing the drive for contributions for Mukden Soviet citizens.
 - (3) V. S. Uss, first secretary and acting vice-consul, has been interviewing those Soviet citizens who are applying for extension of their Sojourn Certificates.
3. The SCA is engaged in making a complete roster of Soviet citizens in the community. In addition to the citizen's name, the roster will contain detailed information on his education, technical knowledge, profession, and

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activities. This project has given rise to the rumor that there will be a forced repatriation from Tientsin and other cities of North China; consequently, an increasing number of Soviet citizens are investigating the possibility of assuming an emigre status. Others are applying for visas to South America and when they have acquired them will renounce their Soviet citizenship and register with the International Refugees' Organization.

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